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SUBJECT: VISIT OF OPIC INSURANCE OFFICER JANE TROY

REF: A. MONROVIA 7034 (NOTAL); B. STATE 272122 (NOTAL)

ABIDJAN AND FREETOWN PLEASE PASS OPIC OFFICER TROY

1. PROPOSE LEAVING MONROVIA EARLY MORNING DECEMBER 20 FOR UNIROYAL PLANTATION (DRIVING TIME APPROXIMATELY THREE (3) HOURS) FOR DISCUSSIONS AND TOUR OF OPERATION. RETURN TO MONROVIA SAME AFTERNOON. ALTERNATIVELY, IF MS. TROY HAS TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE, CAN CHARTER LIGHT AIRCRAFT (FLIGHT TIME APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) MINUTES). COST OF ROUND TRIP CHARTER APPROXIMATELY \$125 PLUS \$25 PER HOUR WAITING TIME. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. EMBASSY ALSO PROPOSES TROY VISIT VANPLY (SKELLY OIL) PROJECT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21. VANPLY IS LARGEST NEW U.S. INVESTMENT PROJECT IN LIBERIA UNDER OPIC. PROPOSED TRIP WOULD BE MADE IN USDAO AIRCRAFT IF AIRCRAFT RETURNS FROM CURRENT TRIP ON SCHEDULE. MS. TROY WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED ON VANPLY VISIT BY DCM AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. EXACT TIMING OF TRIP NOT FIRM, BUT WOULD LEAVE MONROVIA IN MORNING AND RETURN IN AFTERNOON. AIRCRAFT WOULD DEPART FROM SPRIGGS/PAYNE AIRPORT AND THEREFORE DOES NOT RPT NOT ENTAIL LONG DRIVE TO ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU CONCUR THIS VISIT.

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3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CABLE (REF B) FROM DEPARTMENT REQUESTING WE CONTACT MS. JULIA GIBSON CONCERNING POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY GIBSON WOULD BE RETAINED AS OPIC LOCAL COUNSEL FOR VANPLY PROJECT. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED GIBSON WHO SAID SHE WOULD BE INTERESTED MEETING WITH TROY DURING VISIT IF TROY DESIRES. POSSIBLY MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED FOR EVENING DECEMBER 19 OR 20, OVER COCKTAILS OR DINNER.

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